

DAPPER DON SOUGHT AS BIG RUM RUNNER

Sub Chaser He Is Said to Have Brought and \$85,000 Cargo Seized.

TRAILED TO BERMUDA

Daring New York Crook Lands Liquor Safely, but Trucks Break Down.

WANTED FOR SHOOTING

Already Under Sentence for Larceny When He Started New Enterprise.

"Dapper Don" Collins, for whom the New York police have been searching since last May, is active again. The elusive Don is dodging dragnets with all his old time facility. But now, in addition to the local police, he has a corps of Uncle Sam's prohibition and revenue agents hot on his trail. The trail began in Philadelphia a little more than a week ago. But it isn't altogether cold yet, and that accounts for the fact that hopes for "Dapper Don's" ultimate apprehension rose appreciably at headquarters last night following receipt of more details of Don's latest exploits.

Rum running from the Bahamas in a former United States submarine chaser is a new diversion for Don. But he appears to have bent his energies with the same talent that he used to employ as a salesman for fake peat lands in the South and in confidence games of various kinds.

"Dapper Don," it will be remembered, was indicted in Bronx county last May following the mysterious shooting of John H. Reid, a traveling salesman in the home of Mrs. Hazel Davis Warner, 1832 University avenue. Reid recovered, but "Dapper Don" and other members of the party disappeared before the police were able to question them and the details of the shooting never have been cleared up. That is one reason for the interest of the local police in Don's present whereabouts and activities. The other is that his conviction and sentence of one year by Judge Joseph F. Mulqueen on a larceny charge have just been confirmed on appeal and they want to see him behind bars.

Don Buys a Sub-Chaser.

Now to get back to the rum running plot. Some months ago a man who gave the name of Cromwell, which, incidentally is one of Don's many aliases, purchased from the Navy Department the former sub-chaser No. 71 for \$5,000. The purchaser said he was representing a Philadelphia syndicate that wanted the craft for a pleasure yacht. She was subsequently refitted and rechristened the Nomad. "The man Cromwell" is said to have represented himself as the stepson of a prominent and wealthy Philadelphia.

After being refitted at Camden, N. J., the Nomad, with a jolly party, said to include at least three women, cleared for Nassau. But, according to information that came to the New York Herald last night in the party was a Federal prohibition agent, posing as a member of the crew.

Nothing further was heard of the Nomad until a week ago, when she put into Chester, Pa., and, according to Government agents, without fuss or feathers, unloaded a cargo of Scotch whisky worth at least \$85,000. This was loaded on trucks and whisked toward Philadelphia, where it might eventually have reached if there had not occurred a hitch, against which Don, usually far seeing, had not provided. The truck broke down near Leipsville, Pa., and the contraband cargo had to be stored in the saloon of one James F. Dougherty, known as the Baron of Leipsville.

This incident gave the prohibition agent his opportunity. He communicated with Philadelphia headquarters, and late Sunday afternoon a group of customs inspectors, dry agents and detectives swooped down on Dougherty's place and seized the liquor. But when they came to arrest "Dapper Don" and

Fake Whisky Labels and Stamps Seized

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Counterfeit internal revenue stamps of a face value of \$3,000,000 and 60,000 counterfeit labels of well known brands of whisky were seized to-day by Federal agents in a raid on a South State Street shop. Emil Carlone and his wife, owners of the place, were arrested.

his companions, including the women, one of whom posed as "Mrs. Cromwell," they had vanished.

The abandoned Nomad was seized at Camden the following day by customs officers under the direction of Nicholas C. Brooks, special agent of the Treasury Department. A large quantity of women's clothing, papers and documents of various kinds were found aboard the vessel. As a result of this evidence nine warrants were issued in Philadelphia late Monday afternoon. One of these was for William H. Gummis, a wealthy Philadelphia contractor, alleged financial agent of the enterprise. Two others were for "Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell." The description of "Cromwell" given to the detectives by persons who witnessed the transfer of the \$60 cases from the Nomad to the trucks at Chester, is said to fit "Dapper Don."

The contractor Gummis, who is a brother of "Bobby" Gummis, a Philadelphia boxing promoter, surrendered himself to a United States Marshal on Monday afternoon and was later arraigned before United States Commissioner Mackley, who released him in \$1,000 bail. He denied all knowledge of the smuggling ship, or any connection with it, financial or otherwise, and said he knew none of the acquaintances with the venture. Two other men for whom warrants were issued in connection with the case, Albert A. Young and Howard J. Myer of Camden, were arrested there last night.

Learned Rum Running Game.

Another story that reached the Government agents was that "Dapper Don," prior to the purchase of the sub-chaser from the Navy Department and the launching of his own enterprise, had picked up the fine points of the rum running game from Capt. Joe Roy, skipper of the rum runner "Pocahontas," who is in jail in Trenton. The story was that Don made two or three trips to Nassau with Capt. Roy on the Pocahontas, but that on one of these the two men quarreled and that Roy, to get even, had tipped off the Government agents concerning the real status of the Nomad. This could not be confirmed last night.

"Dapper Don's" acquaintance with the police began in 1917, and he has had many renewals of it since. He has been known as plain Robert Tourbillon, and sometimes as "Sir Robert," according to the State's evidence against him. In 1917 he was indicted on a larceny charge that was later dismissed. In 1918, under the name of Arthur L. David, he pleaded guilty in the Federal Court to a charge of misuse of the mails in a fake post land scheme. Before that he had been involved in a hotel swindling case with two other men, one of whom turned State's evidence against him. The larceny charge under which he was convicted last May, concerned the theft of a sum of money from an express messenger.

MAINE'S GOVERNOR SEES STATES' RIGHTS EBBING

Deplores Gradual Encroachment of Federal Government.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 20.—Speaking before the Portland Club, Gov. Percival P. Baxter declared Government interference threatened the independence of States. "Gradually the Federal Government is reaching out and getting its grasp on the States' activities," said the Governor. "It does this by doing out considerable sums of money on condition that plans approved by the Federal Government are adopted. Gradually it has been encroaching on our school department and those having to do with roads, health, forestry and fisheries.

"It is strange that the question of State rights, the rock on which the country split fifty years ago, adopted then in the South, is taken up now in the North. Very few persons realize that gradually the Federal Government is going to invade most of the State departments and take away their independence."

MOE BARON SENTENCED.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 20.—Moe H. Baron, Brooklyn cafe owner, and Hyman Barnett, Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, found guilty of violation of the Volstead act in Federal court here on December 18, were sentenced to-day. Baron was sentenced to two years in Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and fined \$6,000. Barnett was sentenced to the same institution for eighteen months and fined \$600.

155 DRY TO CHECK CHRISTMAS EVE JOY

Federal Agents Assigned to Supervise City's Holiday Spirit.

LIQUOR SHIP IS SEIZED

Cargo of 23,500 Gallons of 190 Proof Alcohol Confiscated.

By Christmas Eve Ralph A. Day, State Prohibition Director, expects to have his full quota of enforcement agents—258 men for the State, 155 of whom operate in New York city. Every man of the 155, including those whose appointments are swatting approval at Washington, will spend Christmas and New Year's Eve keeping watch over the holiday spirit as it manifests itself in the public places where New Yorkers and residents of Orlinwa, on for this season, will gather and do their best to make merry.

Agents will try as nearly as possible to visit every place where liquor is likely to be purchased or carried within a reasonable range. They will give particular attention to those places where the holiday spirit makes itself heard the most.

One official at prohibition headquarters declared that not only would the agents see to it that no liquor is sold to diners, but that they would also seize any liquor carried into public places and placed on the tables. Mr. Day himself said that "common sense" would be exercised in this holiday enforcement, but he could not be made to say whether this meant that a quick motion from hip to head would be overlooked by his observers. It is recognized that men cannot possibly keep watch over all who celebrate, even in the midtown district.

Tramp Steamer Seized.

What was perhaps the cleverest ruse for putting a great amount of liquor into circulation in New York city was uncovered by customs inspectors who raided the tramp steamer Javary, out of Baltimore to Constantinople, yesterday, and arrested the captain, Daniel Docherty, who is also the owner of record and makes his home aboard the ship. The Javary, according to the customs men, tried to unload 2,500 gallons of 190 proof alcohol in this port.

Alcohol of this strength could be re-cased four times, giving more than 100,000 gallons strong enough to sell as whisky, with the addition of coloring matter and flavoring. That's 400,000 quarts, and it's a cheap excuse for whisky that doesn't bring \$10 a quart to-day.

The Javary left Baltimore about a week ago, carrying 250 drums of 110 gallons capacity each. They were listed in the manifest as containing glycerin, and the cargo was destined for Constantinople. The ship put into New York Saturday ostensibly to take on other cargo and a supply of food oil.

4,000 Gallons Unloaded.

The customs officials became suspicious on Sunday sent a guard aboard at Pier 32, East River. They found trucks, loaded with barrels, backed up to the pier. The vessel appeared to be taking on oil through a hose. William E. Sanders, Deputy Surveyor, sent Inspectors Barbor and Sweeney to inspect the drums. There the inspectors found, not glycerin, but alcohol. Thirty-eight of the drums were empty, which means that about 4,000 gallons of the alcohol were unloaded.

Captain Docherty was arraigned be-

fore Commissioner Hitchcock on a charge of smuggling and held in \$7,500 bail for the Grand Jury. He waived examination. Major John Holley Clark, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney in charge of the civil division, who has been handling the rum running cases, libeled the ship and held it for such disposition as the Government may decide. The first and second officers have been held as material witnesses.

It was stated in dispatches from Washington last night that General Agent Green Miller had been ordered to return from Washington to answer to the charges of atrocious assault and battery with intent to kill which have been brought against him in connection with the shooting of two men in West Orange Friday night.

BEER TAX BONUS AROUSES CONGRESS

Some Call Mellon's Reported Plan an Insult.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.

The suggestion that the Secretary of the Treasury would not oppose paying the soldiers' bonus through a tax on beer and light wines caused a sensation among members of Congress today, especially in the House, where the plan was considered an "insult."

Both the dry forces and ex-service men members of the House hurled bitter criticism at the plan. The dry took the stand that Secretary Mellon is trying "to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment," while the ex-service men scolded the suggestion as an attempt to hitch the liquor question to the bonus bill.

Representative Murphy (Ohio) characterized the suggestion as an insult. "I am opposed to it," he declared, with some heat, "and I resent it. It is an insult to the intelligence of the American people."

Representative Fordney (Mich.) of the Ways and Means Committee refused to make any comment other than to say he will have to study the plan before discussing it. He said that in some respects the fact that seventy-five bills providing for a bonus to the soldiers are now before his committee.

Senator McCumber (N. D.), a leading Republican of the Finance Committee, who led the ill-fated fight for the bonus in the upper chamber, was less harsh on Secretary Mellon. He counted the imputation that the Secretary had initiated it. "I don't think the suggestion ought to be taken seriously," he said.

"We've just voted anti-beer legislation, and it would be impossible to get such a bill through Congress even though it would do the thing to do. Congress is overwhelmingly prohibitionist. We must find other sources of revenue."

Representative Frear (Wis.), Republican, a moving figure in the "Agricultural bloc" in the House, said: "It didn't strike me favorably and I don't think you could get it through Congress."

M'ARTHUR EXTRADITION HEARING ON DEC. 28

Governor to Hear Evidence on New Jersey Plea.

Gov. Miller will grant a hearing on December 28 at Albany to Alexander MacArthur, artist, and foster son of John R. MacArthur, a contractor, who is fighting extradition to Essex county, N. J., where he has been indicted on charges of attacking two women of Cedar Grove. Notice of the hearing was sent yesterday to Emil Fuchs of 51 Chambers street, attorney for MacArthur, and to Prosecutor J. Henry Harrison of Newark.

Mr. Fuchs said he would show that on the dates on which the attacks were alleged to have taken place, September 17, and October 19, MacArthur was not in the State of New Jersey.

BORAH NOW FAVORS RECOGNIZING SOVIET

Says Government in Russia Will Be Developed From Bolsheviki.

DUBS ALLIES INTOLERANT

Regards Lenine as One of Greatest Intellectuals Coming From War.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.

Senator Borah (Idaho) in a speech in the Senate to-day in support of the bill to appropriate \$20,000,000 for Russian relief, condemned in forcible language the manner Russia has been treated by the Allies and declared that if he had his way he would recognize the de facto Government of Russia.

The Senator predicted that whatever Government is finally established in Russia will be one developed step by step from the Bolshevik Government. He said that recognition of the present Soviet Government would tend to stabilize conditions in Russia and keep the people there from starving.

Continuing the Idaho Senator said he would vote for the bill providing relief for Russia not because he believed it was constitutional nor because of any belief that it would be an economic benefit, "but simply because I have not the heart to oppose it." Then he added:

"I vote for it purely as an act of charity. I do not believe it would help the farmers in this country. I vote for it for the reason that I would give food to a hungry man at my door in a starving condition."

"I vote for it but protest here and now against the treatment the Russian Government and the Russian people are receiving at the hands of the Government of the United States."

Then he told of the vast losses of the Russians in the war against the Germans and the Poles allied with Germany. He said that in some respects the fighting of the Russians against the German, Austrian and Turkish armies had no parallel in the war when all the circumstances and difficulties were considered.

The Russian relief measure, which was brought up by Senator Borah, led to a long debate. The bill was adopted without a record vote, after two amendments proposed by Senator Ashurst (Ariz.) had been approved. One of the amendments provided for an appropriation of \$100,000 to be used by the Secretary of Labor in trying to relieve unemployment and \$500,000 for further hospitalization of soldiers.

Senator Wadsworth (N. Y.) denied that the measure would prove to be of any economic value to this country and warned the Senate of the danger of the Government acting as a welfare agency. He quoted from Herbert Hoover's report on conditions in Russia to show "that the wells of private charity have gone dry and now such appeals are being made to the Government."

He warned of the danger of establishing such a precedent as the bill would establish.

The Senator expressed the view that part of the money could be used to great advantage in furthering the education of Russians who since the revolution have been deprived of any opportunities for higher education.

CONSIDERING PARDON FOR EUGENE V. DEBS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Recommendations to the President on the question of freedom for war law offenders will be completed by Thursday, Attorney-General Daugherty said today.

A report, he added, would be prepared for the President containing the names of those who, in the opinion of the Justice Department, have been the recipients of executive clemency together with the department's views upon such courses of action as are suggested.

Meanwhile, he said, he was continuing the study of the digest of the 197 cases of this nature to select the cases warranting submission to the President. He would also determine by Thursday, he added, whether a recommendation should go to the White House before Christmas in the case of Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist leader imprisoned at Atlanta.

MORSE CASE UP IN JANUARY.

New Grand Jury to Act on Evidence in Ship Board Suit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Grand Jury proceedings in the case of Charles W. Morse of New York, whose transactions with the Shipping Board have been the subject of Federal investigation, have been deferred until after the new year, it was said to-day at the Department of Justice.

Because of the importance of the case, officials said, and the short term remaining of the present Grand Jury, it was decided to wait until the new jury was formed after January 1, so that the Government's case might be presented in completed form.

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